



## City of Santa Barbara

Community Development Department

### Memorandum

**DATE:** April 21, 2010

**TO:** Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Program  
Citizens Advisory Committee

**FROM:** John Ledbetter, Principal Planner

**SUBJECT:** Plan Santa Barbara Draft Policy Documents & EIR

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#### **I. PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION**

The purpose of this memo is to recommend the Creeks Advisory Committee (Committee) provide comments on the following *Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB)* General Plan Update Policy documents as well as the associated Draft EIR. Staff further recommends the Committee focus on those sections of the documents most relevant to the charge of the Committee. In particular, the following are suggested as a starting point for your review:

#### **General Plan Update** (Policy Document)

##### **Part I: Introduction and Background**

- *Introduction*
- *Sustainability Framework*

##### **Part II: Elements**

- *Land Use Element*, Goals & Policies: Community Design Policies
- *Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Element*, Goals & Policies: (all)  
Note: This element is not part of the update, it will be updated at a later date, however, the goals and policies are part of the update and will provide direction for the future update
- *Environmental Resources Element*, Goals & Policies: Biological Resources Policies; Hydrology, Water Quality and Flooding Policies; Aesthetics and Visual Resources policies  
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#### **Draft Environmental Impact Report** (DEIR)

- Executive Summary
- Biological Resources
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Open Space and Visual Resources

## **II. PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS**

*Plan Santa Barbara* Draft General Plan elements and a Draft Environmental Impact Report were issued on March 18, 2010 for a public review and comment period that ends May 17<sup>th</sup>. Planning staff would like to assist the Committee in its review and comment on the draft documents.

The following public meetings are part of the public review and comment period for the Draft General Plan and DEIR:

### **Wed April 28 (9:00 a.m.) Planning Commission**

Staff presentation highlighting key issues, and public comment hearing on the Draft General Plan and Draft EIR documents

(Thurs April 29 1:00 p.m.) (Planning Commission)

(If necessary, continued hearing time for additional public comment)

### **Thurs May 6 (1:00 p.m.) Planning Commission**

Continued Planning Commission meeting for Commission discussion and comments on the Draft documents, Commission direction to staff on Final EIR preparation, and Commission recommendations to City Council for preparation of Final General Plan documents

### **Tues/Wed June 22 (6:00 p.m.) & 23 (1:00 p.m.) City Council/Planning Commission Joint Meeting**

Discussion and policy direction to staff for preparation of Final General Plan documents (Staff presentation and public comment on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m.)

**Subsequent Process Steps:** Following the end of the Draft General Plan and Draft EIR public review and comment period, proposed Final *Plan Santa Barbara* General Plan documents and a proposed Final EIR (including responses to comments received by May 17, 2010) will be prepared. Subsequent noticed public hearings will be held at the Planning Commission and City Council to consider actions to certify the Final EIR and adopt the Final General Plan documents (anticipated in fall 2010).

## **III. DISCUSSION**

Planning Staff will provide a brief overview of the process to date at the April 21, 2010 Creeks Advisory Committee meeting and answer any questions regarding the draft documents, means of providing input, or the next steps in the process.

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